

Response
Application No. 10/529,145
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AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

Please amend Figs. 11 and 12 as attached. These drawings have been amended to be designated by a legend --Prior Art--.

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REMARKS

Objection to Drawing:

The drawings have been objected to because Figs. 11 and 12 show the conventional art without designating legend.

Accordingly, the drawings have been amended to correct the informalities.

Objection to Abstract:

The abstract has been objected to due to informalities.

Accordingly, the abstract has been amended to correct the informalities. The abstract has been made within 150 words and the form and the phraseology has been made clear and concise.

Objection to Claims:

Claims 16, 17, 22 and 23 have been objected to due to informalities.

Accordingly, the claims have been amended to correct the informalities. Also, claims have been amended to change “characterized in that” to “wherein” in order to place them in better condition.

In view of the aforementioned amendments and accompanying remarks, Applicants submit that the application, as herein amended, is in condition for allowance. Applicants request such action at an early date.

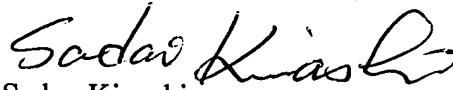
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If the Examiner believes that this application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this case.

If this paper is not timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fees for such an extension or any other fees that may be due with respect to this paper may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

Respectfully submitted,

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sadao Kinashi", written in a cursive style.

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Attachment: Replacement Drawing of Figs. 11 and 12